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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets on whole product were unchanged in the West, but lower in the Midwest and East when compared to a week earlier. The undertone at current price levels was about steady to weak in the West, barely steady in the Midwest, and slightly improved but usually only about steady in the East. Retail and distributive demand was seasonally light to fair. Although, slightly improved in the East due in part to the inclement weather conditions. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food outlets. Supplies were in a better balance going into the weekend, but still fully adequate to handle full trade needs. In the parts structure, trading improved and was in a full range of occasionally good to mostly light. Wings were slightly better but still fully adequate. Drums and thighs were balanced to available, other items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12-DEC-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	52.00-55.00	43.00-72.00	54.72	27
New York	55.00-58.00			
Los Angeles	79.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-72.00	44.00-79.50	70.89	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 71.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
952	67.98-73.00	71.26

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	136.50	1,166
BREASTS - B/S	110.00	5,569
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50	1,243
THIGH MEAT - B/S	92.50	1,030
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	7,614
WINGS	79.00	2,918

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area decreased from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offerings sufficient for light trade call. Fill-in noted into the Ohio area at 38 cents on 3 up wogs. Retail demand was mixed, light to good; best where winter storms influenced consumer action. Food service draw was light to fairly good; best into catering, sports restaurant/bars and some fast food. Delivery issues noted throughout region due to winter road condition. Floor stocks mostly in balance; weights desirable. Parts trade call was light to moderate, best on breast cuts and wings. Supplies were adequate. The market tone was steady on wings and barely steady to weak on all other parts.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak with majority prices in the major terminal markets trending about unchanged in the West, but lower in the East and Midwest when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair with any additional interest often very limited. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient with heavier weights in the longest position. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair. Availability of all items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, but usually desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was barely steady. Offerings ample. Retailer demand light. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers improved slightly entering the weekend and was noted as fair to fairly good. Offerings were at least sufficient with smaller sizes in the better balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, tenders continued to clear satisfactorily; other items ranged adequate to available.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds improved for the weekend and was fair to occasionally good. Some increased buying activity was attributed to the inclement weather conditions. Offerings were adequate on heavier sizes, and close balance on lighter sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavier than desired. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment improved but was no better than steady. In the parts complex, buying interest was light to fair and highly selective. Supplies were in a better balance to available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	52-77
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	12/05/05-12/09/05 (A)
	12/06/04-12/10/04 (A)
NO. OF BOXES	12/05/05-12/09/05 (A)
	12/06/04-12/10/04 (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

DEC 08

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

DEC 09

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD WEEKLY AVG
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE				
BREAST - B/S	880	86.00-148.00	90-95	96.22	695	82.00-135.00	-	91.34	3,740	94.97
TENDERLOINS	226	79.00-144.00	-	87.44	203	78.00-144.00	85-89	89.15	1,250	91.22
BREAST - LINE RUN	110	59.00-68.00	-	60.91	85	58.00-68.00	61-64	61.29	565	61.12
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				355	46.55
LEGS	138	32.00-58.00	-	35.83	265	29.00-58.00	-	30.74	787	34.26
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	575	19.00-29.00	23-24	24.03	600	19.00-30.00	22-23	22.13	2,970	23.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	980	22.00-38.00	25-27	25.85	1,300	22.00-31.00	25-26	24.66	5,355	25.01
WINGS (WHOLE)	283	70.00-82.00	74-76	75.22	280	70.00-82.00	74-76	76.57	1,123	75.61
WINGS (CUT)	235	90.00-95.00	-	93.02	290	85.00-95.00	89-92	92.21	1,344	93.09
DRUMSTICKS	281	31.00-58.00	-	33.13	TOO FEW TO REPORT				985	33.48
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				191	38.26
B/S THIGHS	72	77.00-108.00	-	85.38	TOO FEW TO REPORT				411	87.98

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR DEC 08, 2005 -- F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
32.00 - 38.50	35.19

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 39.00	33.87	35.00

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as mostly fair. Offerings of tenders were clearing satisfactorily; most other items ranged adequate to available. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was steady to barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

DEC 08

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	100-105	101.54	746,400	
TENDERLOINS	95-100	96.82	119,400	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	53-54	66.85	74,920	
BREAST - LINE RUN	53	54.63	72,000	
LEGS	43-44	41.68	244,610	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	32.60	487,253	
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.98	95,840	
THIGHS	32-33	42.30	60,000	
B/S THIGHS	95-96	92.54	98,400	
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	79.52	303,960	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.69	25,160	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	51.81	15,143	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	70-75	74.34	22,480	

CURRENT NEG	WTD			WEEKLY
TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
100-105	100.19	720,520	101.87	3,084,773
95-100	97.54	198,540	98.59	732,180
53-54	68.87	68,600	66.42	421,560
53	55.28	78,320	54.79	387,560
42-43	44.31	331,640	44.04	1,005,090
24-25	26.42	312,560	28.48	1,878,013
32-33	35.92	172,320	37.26	562,760
32-33	43.02	68,400	42.34	295,460
95-96	87.80	204,120	89.98	524,280
77-78	81.32	198,680	78.01	1,172,176
10-12	11.34	21,240	11.46	122,760
50-55	54.52	7,044	50.46	69,655
70-75	75.27	22,480	73.70	110,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	3,877	4,092	3,932	3,994	5.24	5.38	4,600	5.49		
Arkansas	5,347	5,136	5,094	4,979	5.24	5.31	5,310	5.37		
Delmarva	2,404	2,338	2,293	2,001	5.82	5.94	2,349	5.83		
KY-LA-TN	2,426	2,298	2,283	2,314	5.17	5.11	2,678	5.26		
Mississippi	3,325	3,035	2,995	2,978	5.69	5.74	3,148	5.62		
North Carolina	2,921	2,533	2,471	2,393	6.64	6.80	3,511	6.79		
Texas	2,442	2,310	2,308	2,245	5.16	5.18	2,229	5.25		
Total	22,742	21,742	21,376	20,904	5.51	5.58	23,825	5.61		
Mon-Fri	109,221(A)						109,783 (A)			
Saturday	1,701	(included in total for date shown)					2,750			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Dec-05 and 10-Dec-05 is estimated to be 34,025,000 head down 4.83 percent from a week ago and up 3.25 percent from a year ago. (Last week 35,752,000, last year 32,953,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 10-Dec-05 is estimated to be 162,027,000 head down 1.53 percent from a week ago, and up 1.38 percent from a year ago. (Last week 164,540,000, last year 159,818,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-107
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	100-112
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	90-105
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	109
DUCKS	185-188

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 26-Nov-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	19,487	11,037	41,711
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.44
% of total /1	27%	15%	58%

Comparisons

Last week	28,953	20,506	57,211
Avg Weight	3.79	4.77	6.56
% of total /1	27%	19%	54%
Same week, yr ago /2	18,985	14,631	32,197
Avg Weight	3.74	4.79	6.38
% of total /1	29%	22%	49%

To date/2005	1,264,337	1,005,984	2,372,179
To date/2004	1,220,128	991,778	2,157,082

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 03-Dec-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	164,540	1,281	1,499	2,780	595
Avg Wt	5.47	3.25	7.89	5.75	6.89
Last week	126,447	819	940	1,759	374
Same wk yr ago	162,589	1,413	1,465	2,878	565
Avg Wt	5.41	3.29	7.91	5.64	6.82
To-date/2005	7,723,390	68,362	67,875	136,237	23,935
To-date/2004	7,510,737	65,378	65,182	130,560	22,596

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.5 million head, or 9.0 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October 29	166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
November 5	163.9	161.6	101%	5.47
12	166.0	160.3	104%	5.53
19	165.6	158.0	105%	5.46
26	128.0	157.2	81%	5.48
December 3	166.5	157.5	106%	5.47
Year to date	7817.0	7871.1	99%	
December 10		158.5		
17		157.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

W/E	12/10/05	12/03/05	% CHG	12/11/04	% CHG
Broilers	162,027	164,540*	-1.53	159,818*	+1.38
Cattle	610	602	+01	625*	-02
Hogs	2,125	2,169	-02	2,098*	+01

*ACTUAL

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-DEC-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	149-153	154-158
MOSTLY		
MIDWEST	132-140	133-141
MOSTLY		
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58.00-63.50	58.50-62.50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	62.00-87.50	69.00-73.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	63.36-72.90
14 OZ.	69.84-81.00
16 OZ.	74.88-89.10

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were in balance to at times close. Weights were desirable. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$3.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-1.95, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.50-0.65, livers at \$0.95-1.70, and feet at \$1.00-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 05-DEC-2005

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	126-146	128-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - DATE OF AUCTION: 12-06-05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.30 - .35
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.30 - .35
Pekin Ducks	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.01 - .10
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.05 - .10
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.05 - .10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.05 - .30
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.05 - .30
Guinea Fowl	.40 - .50ea.
Banty Roosters	.35 - .50ea.
Banty Hens	.25 - .30ea.
Silkie	1.00 - 1.75ea.
Geese 9-12 LBS	.10 - .12
Pigeons	3.00 - 3.25ea.
White Pigeons	4.00 - 4.10ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.60 - 1.90
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.30 - 1.40
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	.05 - .75ea.
Kid Goats	37.00 ea .
Doves	3.00 ea .
Pullets 4-6 LBS	.40 ea .

Total Coops Sold 272

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report for heavy cannery; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for light cannery; mostly fair to moderate at best for heavy cannery with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was steady to about steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-32 MAJORITY 26-27	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to fairly good for the about adequate to adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	3-10	6-8

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Cost of disposal were TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent fowl. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were only moderate. Trade sentiment was only steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand fairly good. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-6	3-5

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-DEC-05

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report. Demand was fair for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy fowl. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were as desired. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly fair for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NEW YORK CITY SEASONAL POULTRY

FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2005.

CAPONS:

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Supplies of USDA grade A frozen capons were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processors were busy with December bookings. Trade sentiment was steady to at least steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:
6-9 LBS. 1.60-1.80 MOSTLY 1.60-1.65

GEESE:

Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Supplies in the production areas were mostly adequate. Movement into retail and distribution channels was fair to fairly good. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

DOLLARS PER POUND DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS:
8-16 LBS. 2.30-2.40

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